power projects in the country including the State of Orissa. These incentive schemes are: financial support for Detailed Survey & Investigation, Detailed Project Report Preparation, Capital subsidy for Government sector projects and interest subsidy for commercial projects.

Four small hydro power projects aggregating 1.30 MW have been set up in the State of Orissa and 7 projects aggregating 9.93 MW are under implementation. MNES is supporting 8 small hydro projects aggregating 9.7 MW under the capital subsidy scheme.

Reducing land disputes by implementing land reform laws

†3145. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes formulated by Government to reduce the number of land disptues;

(b) whether land disputes will be reduced through implementation of land reforms laws; and

(c) if so, by when the same are likely to come into force in all the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The land and its management is the responsibility of the respective State Governments as provided under Entry No. 18 List II—State List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The Central Government plays an advisory and co-ordinating role. The Government of India have not formulated any specific scheme to reduce the number of land disputes.

Need for a legislation to regulate use of ground water

3146. SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN A RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all the State Governments have expressed a desire for a legislation to regulate use of ground water in their regions in view of the over exploitation of the ground water;

(b) whether any such Bill or proposal is pending before the Ministry;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.